7th Grade English

Oral Recitation Assignment

*To Kill A Mockingbird*

Reading a novel is one way to read a story. The reader can read about a place, read about characters, read the problems between characters, and read how a setting can affect the characters in the story. When you read, you understand what is happening.

Memorizing part of that novel rises to a different level of understanding. First, you have to read the part of the story many times to be able to memorize. That rereading really helps you understand that part of the story. But memorizing and then begin able to recite a passage rises to a different level of understanding: to speak the words out loud forces a reader to truly understand the character. To recite a passage well you have to understand his or her motivations, his or her feelings, and his or her actions.

Assignment: Memorize one paragraph of Atticus’s closing speech on pages 270-275.

Specific Areas of Focus:

* Memorization
* Movement
* Facial expressions and hand movements
* Does the recitation express the meaning of the passage?

Assignments:

* Selection of Paragraph: Wednesday, April 8th
* Understanding of Paragraph: Homework due on Thursday, April 9th
* Practice time with feedback from peer: Monday, April 13th and Tuesday, April 14th
* Recitations Wednesday, April 15th through Friday, April 17th
* Self Evaluations are due on Monday, April 20th

Name: Date:

1. Write out the paragraph(s) you are going to memorize.
2. What is Atticus saying in this passage?
3. Why is Atticus making this point? Who is that point directed towards?

IV. Why are you choosing this passage?